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AVENGERS • X-MEN PREVIOUSLY...

POSSESSING THE BRAIN OF DECEASED X-MEN FOUNDER PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER—AND THE IMMENSE PSYCHIC POWERS THAT COME WITH IT—THE VILLAINOUS RED SKULL ASCENDED INTO THE TERRIFYING RED ONSLAUGHT AND SOUGHT TO RID THE EARTH OF MUTANTKIND. DETERMINED TO STOP HIM, A SMALL ARMY OF AVENGERS AND X-MEN TOOK THE FIGHT TO THE SKULL ON THE ABANDONED ISLAND OF GENOSHA...ALONGSIDE THE WORLD'S FIERCEST VILLAINS.

OUTMATCHED, THE HEROES AND VILLAINS MADE A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO OVERCOME RED ONSLAUGHT: SCARLET WITCH AND DOCTOR DOOM USED THEIR MAGICAL ABILITIES TO SUBVERT RED SKULL'S CONSCIOUSNESS AND BRING XAVIER TO THE FORE. BLANKETING GENOSHA IN THEIR SPELL, THE RED SKULL WAS RENDERED DORMANT. BUT LITTLE DID THEY REALIZE THAT THE SPELL'S EFFECTS WERE NOT LIMITED TO JUST THE RED SKULL...



IN THE WAKE OF GENOSHA, THE CAPTIVE RED SKULL WENT MISSING. THE AVENGERS WHO WERE PRESENT IMPRISONED MOST OF THE WORLD'S REMAINING HEROES. THE SCARLET WITCH ATTEMPTED TO KILL DR. DOOM, BUT WAS FOILED WHEN DANIEL DRUMM POSSESSED HER. APOCALYPSE RIPPED DEADPOOL APART AND BUILT A GENE BOMB TO DESTROY ALL NON-MUTANTS, BUT BEFORE HE COULD DETONATE IT THOR BEAT HIM NEARLY TO DEATH. LOKI LURED THOR TO THE BLUE AREA OF THE MOON TO STOP HIM FROM CAUSING ANY MORE DAMAGE. STEVE ROGERS RECRUITED A TEAM OF INVERTED VILLAINS TO HELP STOP THE RAMPAGING HEROES AND RESCUE THE KEY TO EVERYTHING...THE WHITE SKULL!

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INVERTED HEROES & VILLAINS



**CAPTAIN
AMERICA**



IRON MAN



HULK/KLUH



LUKE CAGE



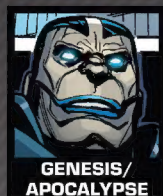
WASP



THOR



**SCARLET
WITCH**



**GENESIS/
APOCALYPSE**



CYCLOPS



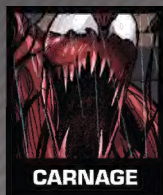
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COLOSSUS



CARNAGE



HOBGOBLIN



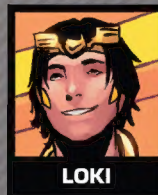
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LANTERN**



MAGNETO



**DOCTOR
DOOM**



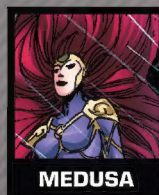
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SABRETOOTH



MYSTIQUE



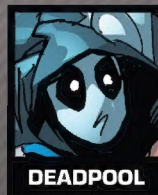
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**RED SKULL/
WHITE SKULL**



**ABSORBING
MAN**



DEADPOOL

HEROES



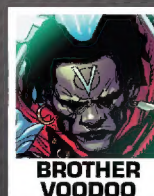
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**STEVE
ROGERS**



SPIDER-MAN



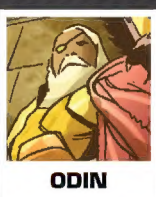
**BROTHER
VOODOO**



**DANIEL
DRUMM**



WOLVERINE



ODIN



JARVIS



GRINDING HALT

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AVENGERS TOWER.
NOW.

MY ALLIES HAVE
GONE MAD.

DROP THE
NAZI OR I'LL
KILL YOU, OLD
MAN!

YOU'RE TOO
SMART NOT TO
SEE WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE, SAM.

AVENGERS, X-MEN,
OR INHUMANS--ANYONE
ON GENOSHA WHEN THE
SPELL WAS CAST--

KWUNG

--THE INVERSION ECHOED
BY SKULL'S TELEPATHY--
HITTING THEM ALL.

THE HATED
MONSTER WHO I
NOW HAVE TO SAVE--

--IN HOPES OF
REVERTING THIS
MADNESS.

YOU KNOW
WHAT'S GOING ON
HERE?

FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN MY LIFE--
I'M FREE.

TWOKK

UGN--!



FREE OF YOUR
REGULATIONS AND
EXPECTATIONS--

FREE TO DO
WHAT'S **BEST**
FOR **ME!**

I'M NOT
GOING TO LET
HIM TAKE THAT
AWAY!

THE OLD ARMOR
HELPS--

KWOKK

--BUT IT'S
NOT ENOUGH.

STILL RELIES ON
MY STRENGTH--

OOF--!

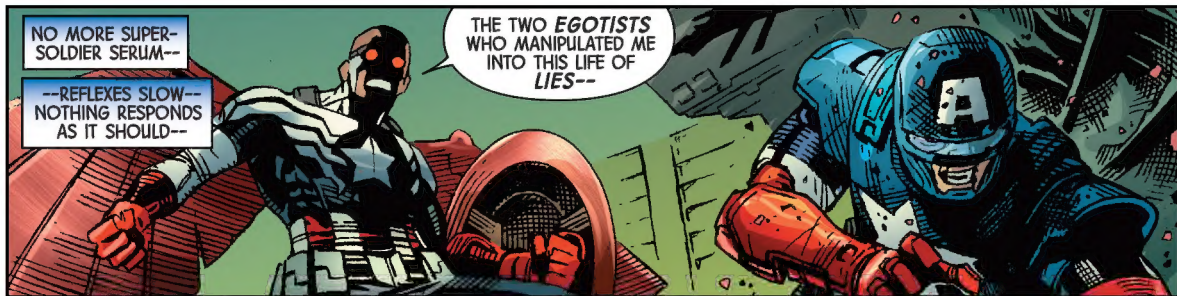


--STRENGTH I
DON'T HAVE
ANYMORE.

THE TWO OF YOU
DYING TOGETHER--
IT'S PERFECT
REALLY.

YERAGH--!

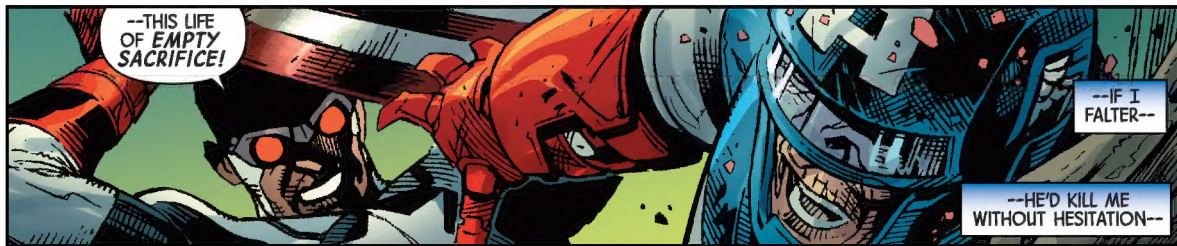
KRAKK



NO MORE SUPER-
SOLDIER SERUM--

--REFLEXES SLOW--
NOTHING RESPONDS
AS IT SHOULD--

THE TWO **EGOTISTS**
WHO MANIPULATED ME
INTO THIS LIFE OF
LIES--



--THIS LIFE
OF EMPTY
SACRIFICE!

--IF I
FALTER--

--HE'D KILL ME
WITHOUT HESITATION--

--IF I WERE
ACTUALLY
THERE.

SPUNG

IF I WERE DUMB
ENOUGH TO ENGAGE
HIM.

W-WHAT
IS THIS?

FACE
ME, YOU
COWARD!

HOW MUCH TIME
DO WE HAVE BEFORE
SAM FINDS US?

A FEW
MINUTES...

I AM STILL
TRANQUILIZED...
PREVENTING ME FROM
USING MY TELEPATHIC
POWERS TO THEIR
FULLEST.

YOUR PARTNER
IS ALREADY FREE OF
MY MNEMONIC FICTION.

I CANNOT
CONTINUE THIS
PACE.

I AM
WEARY.

YOU
LOOK TERRIBLE,
STEVE.

STEVE?
THE WAY YOU
SAY THAT...
...KINDNESS.

THE HORROR
I'VE CAUSED...I'M
SORRY.

I'M SO
SORRY.

ONE THING
AT A TIME.
THE AVENGERS
PLAN TO KILL
THE X-MEN...

CAN YOU
REVERT THEM?
CAN YOU FIX
THIS?

I...

I CAN BROADCAST A
REVERSION--IF WE CAN
RECREATE THE CIRCUMSTANCES
OF ONSLAUGHT'S DEFEAT,
THE CHAOS AND ORDER
ENERGIES...

IS THAT
A YES?

I'LL TRY,
STEVE.

AFTER
ALL...



"...IT'S NOT EVERY DAY THE RED SKULL GETS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE THE WORLD."

CAGE, ROUND UP THE STRAGGLERS. GOTTA GET OUR DUCKS IN A ROW.

YOU WANNA BE A BIT MORE SPECIFIC, STARK?

JUST SAY IT, TINMAN-- MURDER 'EM.

KLUH AGREED TA TAKE OUT THE UNDESIRABLES--DON'T HAVE TA SIT FER NO PRETTY CORPORATE SPEAK.



THE SMART BUSINESSMAN ALWAYS FINDS A FLOWERY SLOGAN FOR A DESPICABLE ACT.

TONY, YOU WERE RIGHT--!

STORY OF MY LIFE.



STEVE HAS THE SKULL--HE'S GOING TO REVERT US!

FINE. LET'S GO.



SEEMS NO MATTER HOW MANY MIDDLEMEN I EMPLOY--



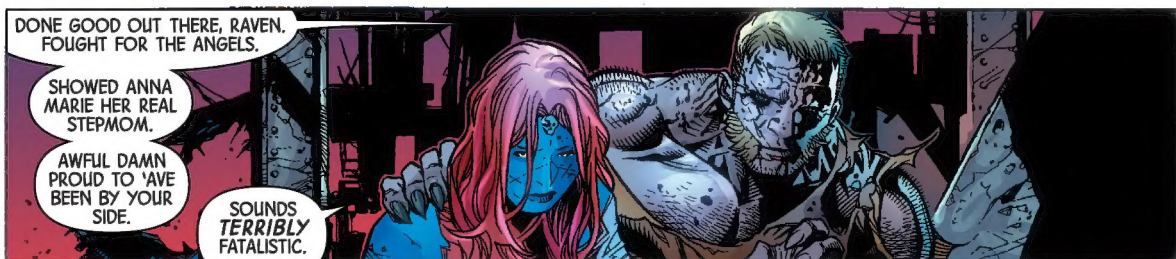
"--I ALWAYS HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING MYSELF."

HERO BUSINESS AIN'T ALL IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE, HUH, FRAIL?

WATCH WHO YOU'RE CALLING FRAIL, CREED.

SORRY.

OLD HABITS.



DONE GOOD OUT THERE, RAVEN. FOUGHT FOR THE ANGELS.

SHOWED ANNA MARIE HER REAL STEPMOM.

AWFUL DAMN PROUD TO 'AVE BEEN BY YOUR SIDE.

SOUNDS TERRIBLY FATALISTIC.



STARK AIN'T GONNA LEAVE ANY O' US ALIVE.

I'M COOKED--NO FIGHT LEFT.

NOT TOO MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THE FIRST TIME WE MET...



"...WE NEARLY KILLED EACH OTHER.

"BEFORE WE RAVAGED EACH OTHER.

"YOU FOUND STRENGTH FOR THAT FIGHT."



HEH...THAT SCRAP HAD A DIFFERENT PAYOUT.

WE FELL INTO THE BLACK HOLE TOGETHER, BECAUSE WE NEEDED SOMEONE TO COME DOWN WITH US.

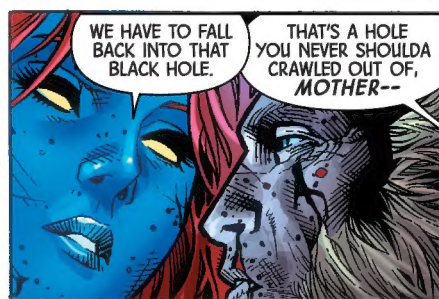


NOW THE WORLD'S HEROES ARE IN THAT SAME DARK PLACE.

THE WORLD CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT THE X-MEN OR AVENGERS--

GO, VICTOR--HELP ROGERS--REVERT US.

THAT MEANS...



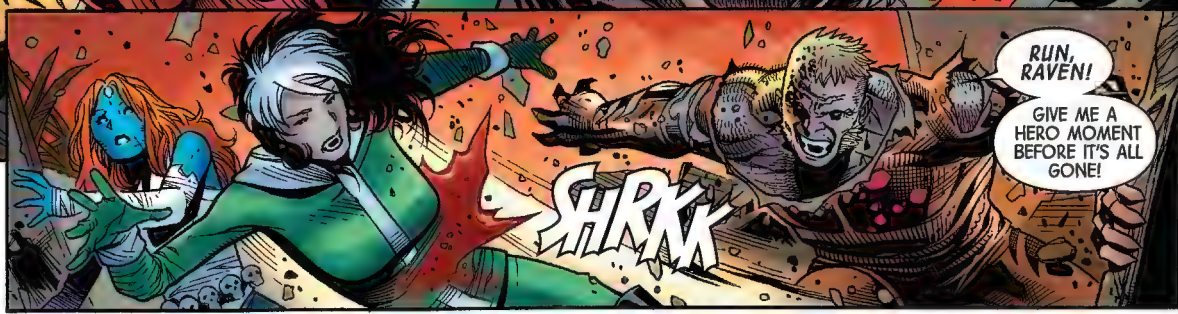
WE HAVE TO FALL BACK INTO THAT BLACK HOLE.

THAT'S A HOLE YOU NEVER SHOULD CRAWLED OUT OF, MOTHER--



--BUT ONE
I'LL GLADLY PUT
YOU BACK IN.

TWOOM



**RUN,
RAVEN!**

GIVE ME A
HERO MOMENT
BEFORE IT'S ALL
GONE!

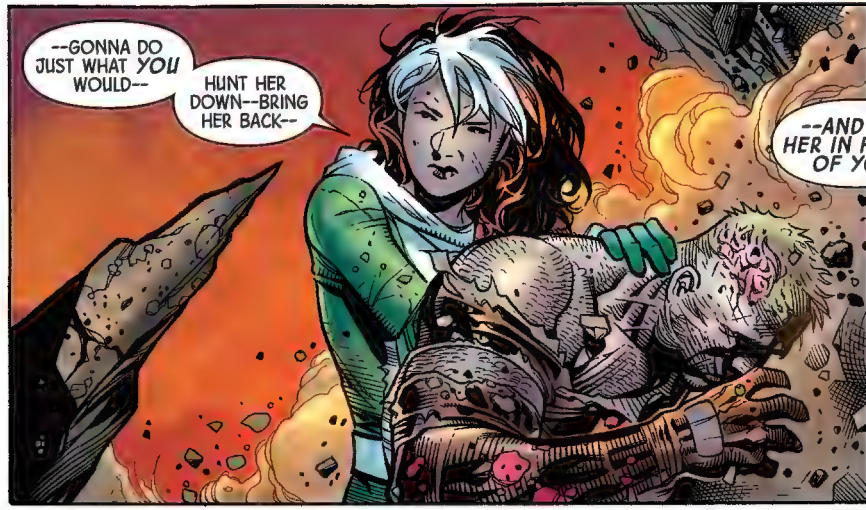
SHRKK



SHE
AIN'T GETTIN'
FAR.

DON'T
YOU WORRY,
CREED--

BOOM



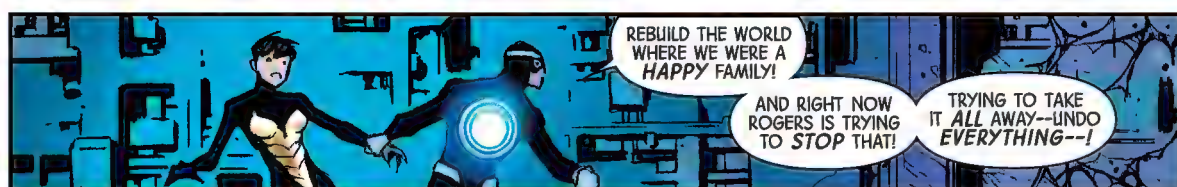
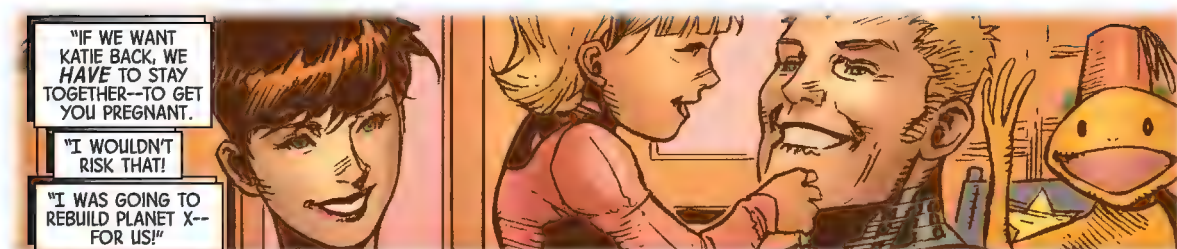
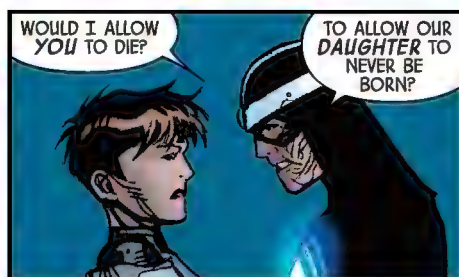
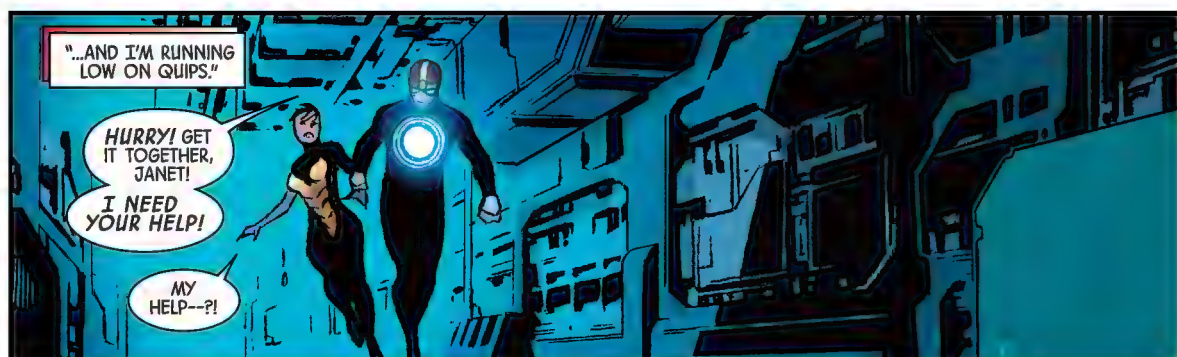
--GONNA DO
JUST WHAT YOU
WOULD--

HUNT HER
DOWN--BRING
HER BACK--

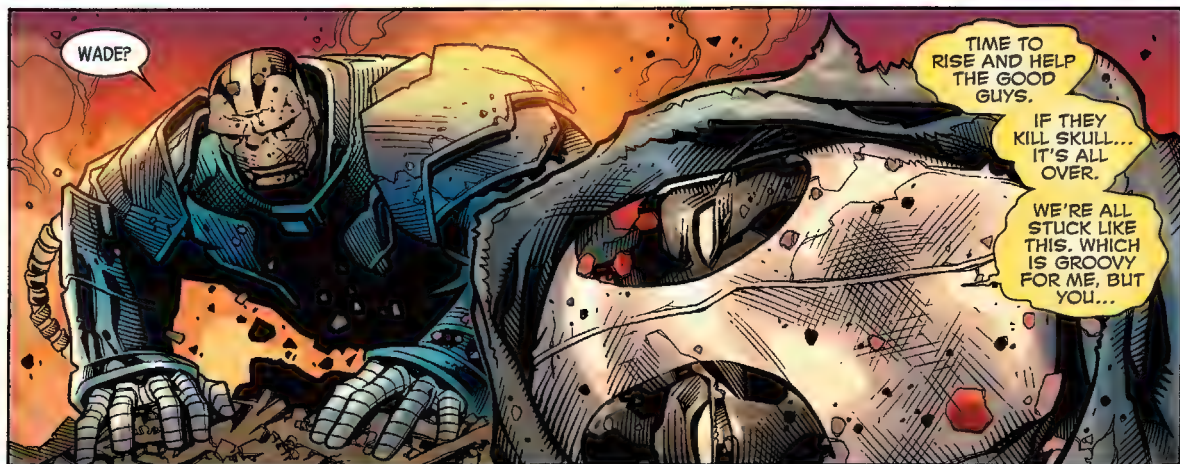
--AND KILL
HER IN FRONT
OF YOU.

HOLY
GUACAMOLE--









WADE?

TIME TO
RISE AND HELP
THE GOOD
GUYS.

IF THEY
KILL SKULL...
IT'S ALL
OVER.

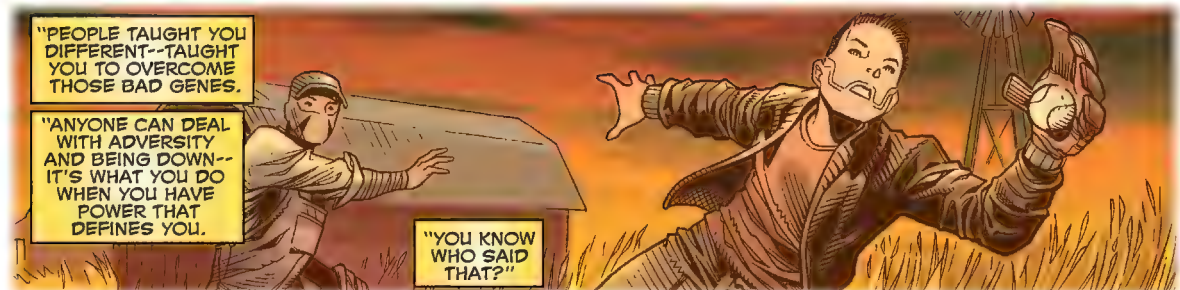
WE'RE ALL
STUCK LIKE
THIS, WHICH
IS GROOVY
FOR ME, BUT
YOU...



THE THING THAT INVERSION
BROUGHT OUT--THAT EVIL,
THE SEED OF HIM, ALWAYS
INSIDE YOU--NO SO
BUENO.

THIS AIN'T
THE REAL YOU,
LI'L BUDDY.

YOU WERE
RAISED BY
PEOPLE WHO
LOVE YOU.



"PEOPLE TAUGHT YOU
DIFFERENT--TAUGHT
YOU TO OVERCOME
THOSE BAD GENES.

"ANYONE CAN DEAL
WITH ADVERSITY
AND BEING DOWN--
IT'S WHAT YOU DO
WHEN YOU HAVE
POWER THAT
DEFINES YOU.

"YOU KNOW
WHO SAID
THAT?"

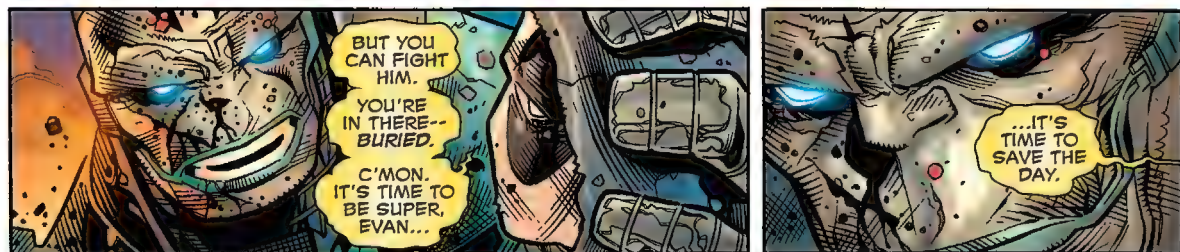


ABE LINCOLN,
BROTHER.

AIN'T
GONNA IGNORE
HONEST ABE,
ARE YA?

THERE IS NO
PART OF THAT
SNIVELING INFANT
EVAN WITHIN ME!

BALONEY.
THE INVERSION
FLIPPED YOU,
BROUGHT OUT
EVIL GENIE
APOCALYPSE.



BUT YOU CAN FIGHT
HIM.
YOU'RE
IN THERE--
BURIED.

C'MON.
IT'S TIME TO
BE SUPER,
EVAN...

...IT'S
TIME TO
SAVE THE
DAY.

THE MOON.

YOU
CAN'T HIDE,
BROTHER!

THIS PLOY,
WHATEVER REASON
YOU BROUGHT US
HERE FOR, PRETTY
GAME PLAYER--

--IT WILL
AVAIL YOU
NOT!

AND YOU'LL
NOT BE SO
PRETTY WHEN
JARNBJORN IS
DONE WITH
YOU!

OKAY--HE'S
GOOD AND
CRAZY.

NO PROBLEM
GETTING LORD
LOUDINGTON TO
CHASE ME.

NOW FOR
MY GREAT, IDIOTIC
EMBARRASSMENT...

STOP--NONE OF
THAT. MUST STAY
POSITIVE--ALL ON
THE LINE NOW.

AND NOT
JUST FOR
THEM--

--MY ONE
CHANCE TO
ESCAPE FATE,
TO ESCAPE
MY ROTTEN
FUTURE.

NO
PRESSURE.

RUN AS FAST
AS YOU CAN--BUT
I AM COMING, YOU
PREENING HALF-
A-MAN!

STEVE
ROGERS MADE
YOU AN
AVENGER.

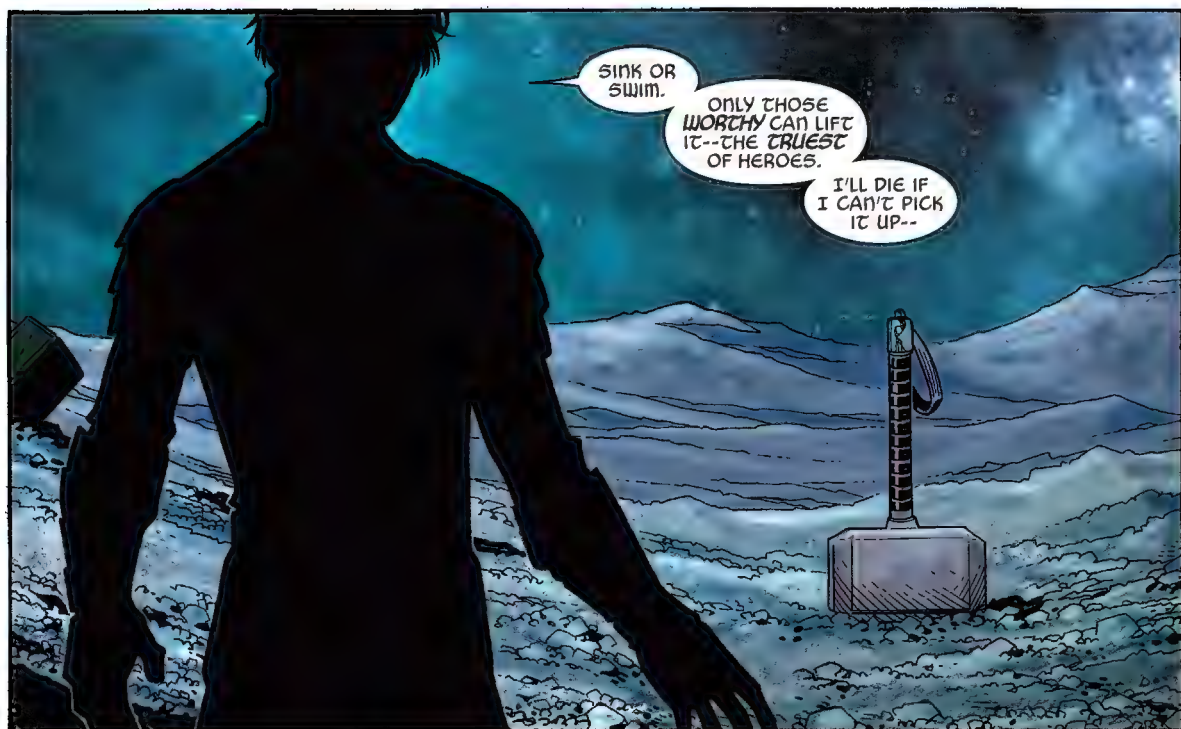
THEY'RE
COUNTING ON
YOU.

IF THOR
GOES BACK DOWN
THERE IT'S GOING TO
BE A BLOODBATH--
HE'S YOUR
BROTHER--

"--HE'S YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY."

DEATH IS
COMING!

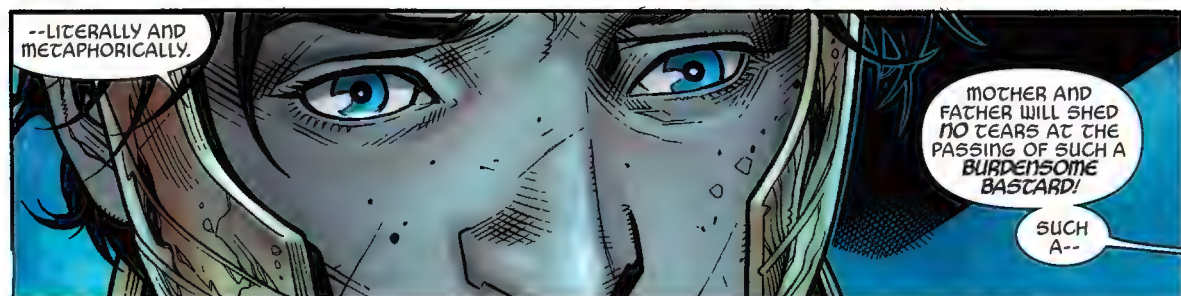
COME NOW--
WHERE IS THAT
BRAVERY YOU
FEIGNED
BEFORE?!



SINK OR SWIM.

ONLY THOSE WORTHY CAN LIFT IT--THE TRUEST OF HEROES.

I'LL DIE IF I CAN'T PICK IT UP--



--LITERALLY AND METAPHORICALLY.

MOTHER AND FATHER WILL SHED NO TEARS AT THE PASSING OF SUCH A BURDENSOME BASTARD!

SUCH A--



--GRAVE DISAPPOINTMENT. LOKI HAS ALWAYS BEEN THUS, REGARDLESS OF HIS MOTHER'S DOTING.

YOUR BROTHER LACKS THE HEART OF NOBILITY. IT IS LIKELY HE WILL NEVER LIVE UP TO HIS STATION.

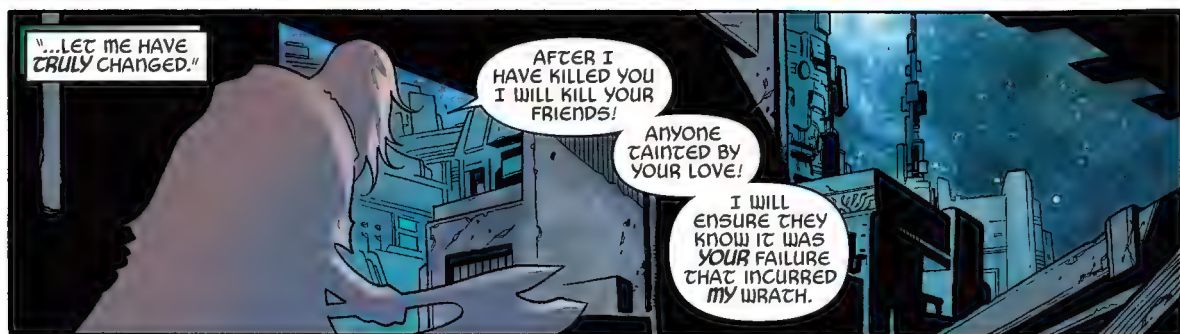
REGARDLESS, IT'S UP TO YOU TO TRY AND TEACH HIM, THOR...



"...THOUGH I FEAR IT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK."

FATHER.

IF THERE BE GODS THAT GODS MAY PRAY TO...



"...LET ME HAVE
TRULY CHANGED."

AFTER I
HAVE KILLED YOU
I WILL KILL YOUR
FRIENDS!

ANYONE
TAINTED BY
YOUR LOVE!

I WILL
ENSURE THEY
KNOW IT WAS
YOUR FAILURE
THAT INCURRED
MY WRATH.



YOU FIND
THE TRUTH SO TO
YOUR LIKING NOW,
"BROTHER"?

HERE IS THE
TRUTH.

I
NEVER
LOVED
YOU!


NEITHER
DID FATHER! NOR
MOTHER!



THAT
IS THE
TRUTH.

YOU ARE A BURDEN--
A GRAVE
DISAPPOINTMENT
TO YOUR
FAMILY!

HOW
MUCH MORE
HEARTBROKEN
THEY MUST
BE--



--AT THE
CHOSEN'S
FAILURE TO
LIFT HIS OWN
HAMMER!

BRAHROOOON

AVENGERS MANSION.



IAN...

HE'S WEAK--IN
NEED OF MEDICAL
ATTENTION.

DAD--!

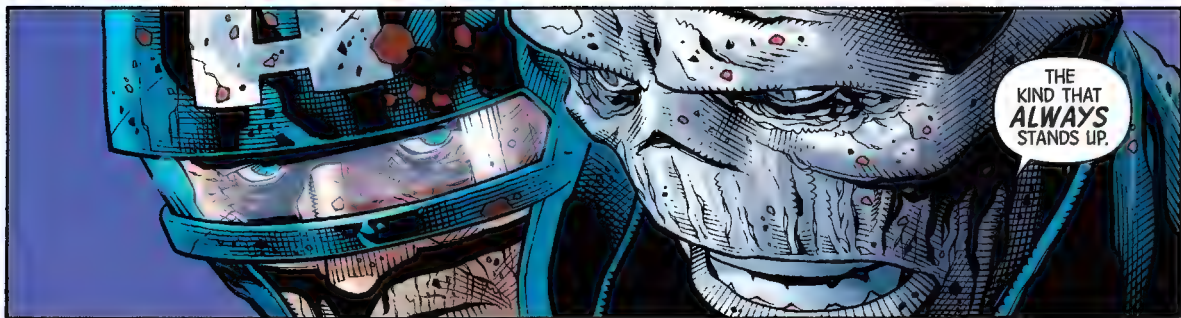
NEVER
THOUGHT I'D BE
HAPPY TO SEE
THAT
FACE.



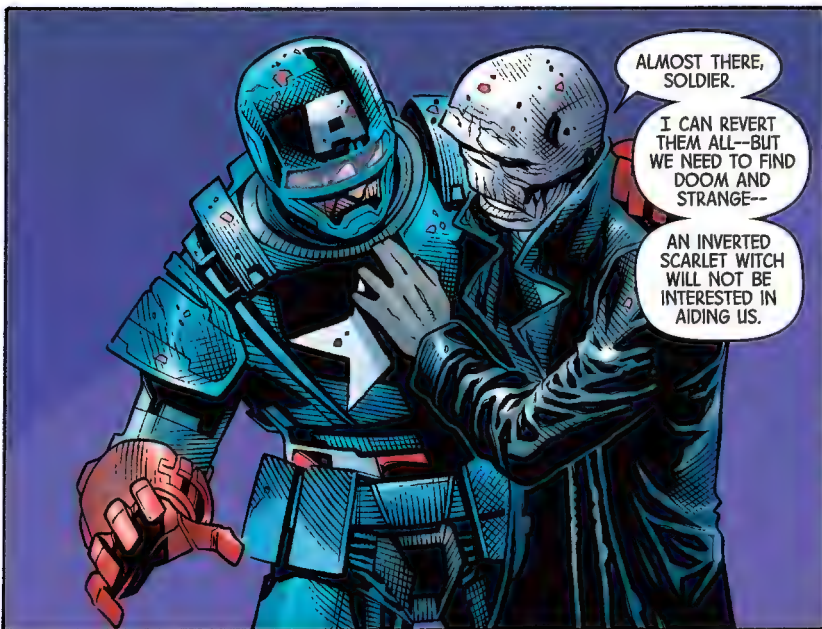
ARMOR
HELPS, BUT...I
CAN'T KEEP
IT UP.

TOO
DAMN
OLD...

I HAVE SHMIDT'S
MEMORIES. I KNOW
THE TYPE OF OPPONENT
YOU ARE--



THE
KIND THAT
ALWAYS
STANDS UP.



ALMOST THERE,
SOLDIER.

I CAN REVERT
THEM ALL--BUT
WE NEED TO FIND
DOOM AND
STRANGE--

AN INVERTED
SCARLET WITCH
WILL NOT BE
INTERESTED IN
AIDING US.



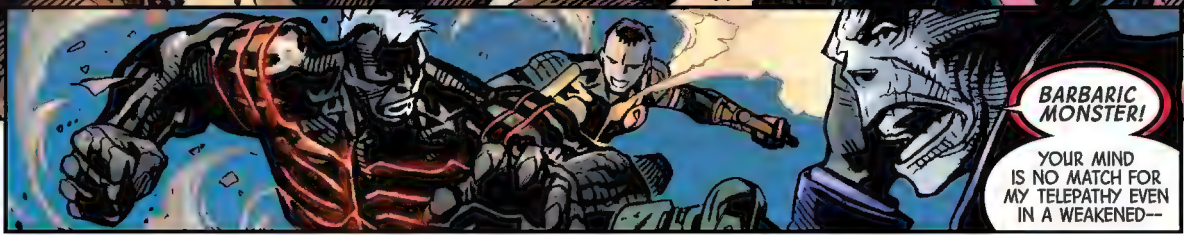
DR. STRANGE DISAPPEARED
WITH THE REST OF THE
HEROES.

THEN WE
MUST FIND
THEM--

RIGHT NOW
WE'VE GOT BIGGER
PROBLEMS--

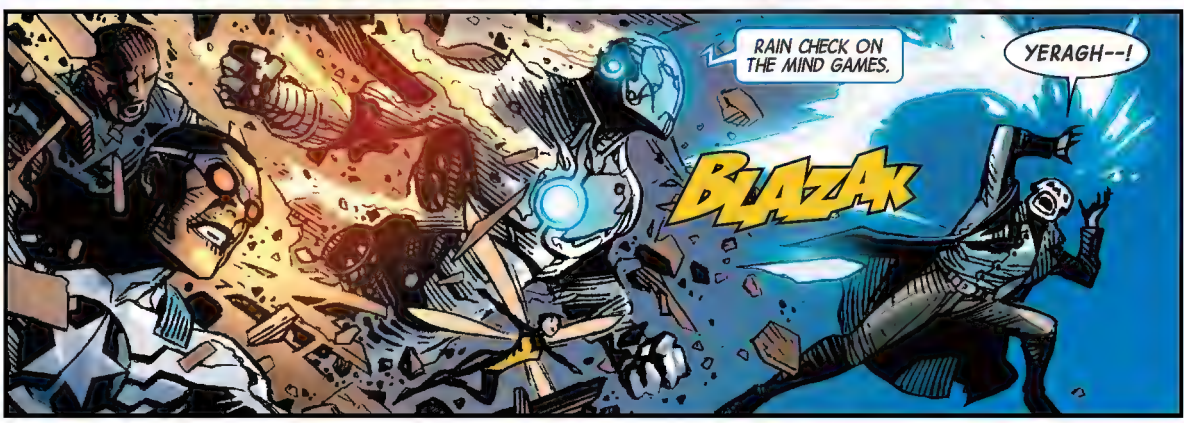


**SOMEONE
SAY MY
NAME?!**



**BARBARIC
MONSTER!**

YOUR MIND
IS NO MATCH FOR
MY TELEPATHY EVEN
IN A WEAKENED—



RAIN CHECK ON
THE MIND GAMES.

YERAGH--!

BLAZAK

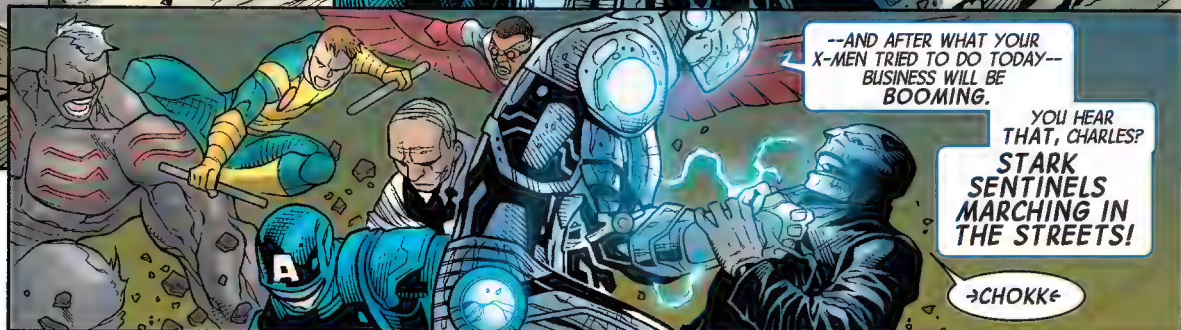


YOU STILL IN
THERE, XAVIER?

'CAUSE I GOT
SOMETHING TO
TELL YOU.

THOSE STARK
SENTINELS--I'M
REBUILDING THEM
FOR SALE.

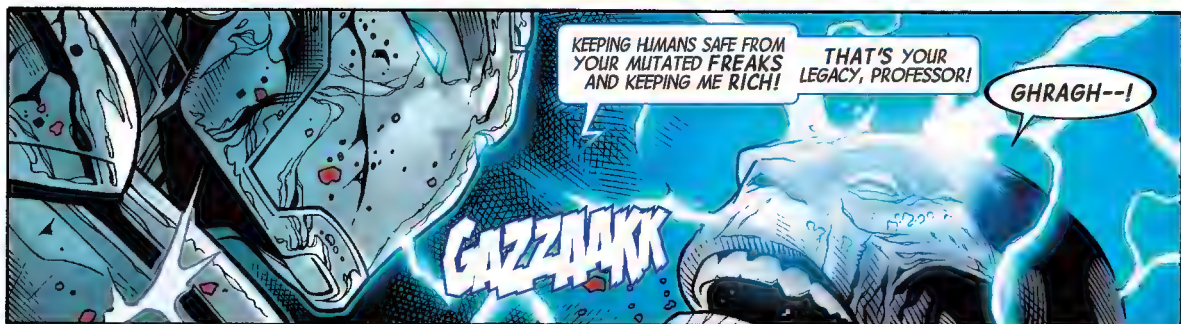
TO WIPE OUT
ALL THE MUTANTS
FOREVER--



--AND AFTER WHAT YOUR
X-MEN TRIED TO DO TODAY--
BUSINESS WILL BE
BOOMING.

YOU HEAR
THAT, CHARLES?
**STARK
SENTINELS
MARCHING IN
THE STREETS!**

→CHOKK←



KEEPING HUMANS SAFE FROM
YOUR MUTATED FREAKS
AND KEEPING ME RICH!

THAT'S YOUR
LEGACY, PROFESSOR!

GHRAGH--!

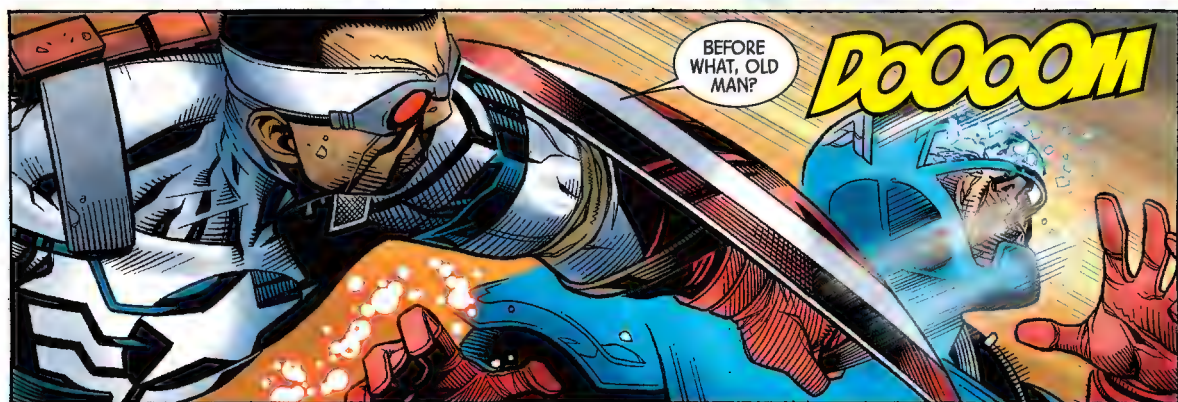
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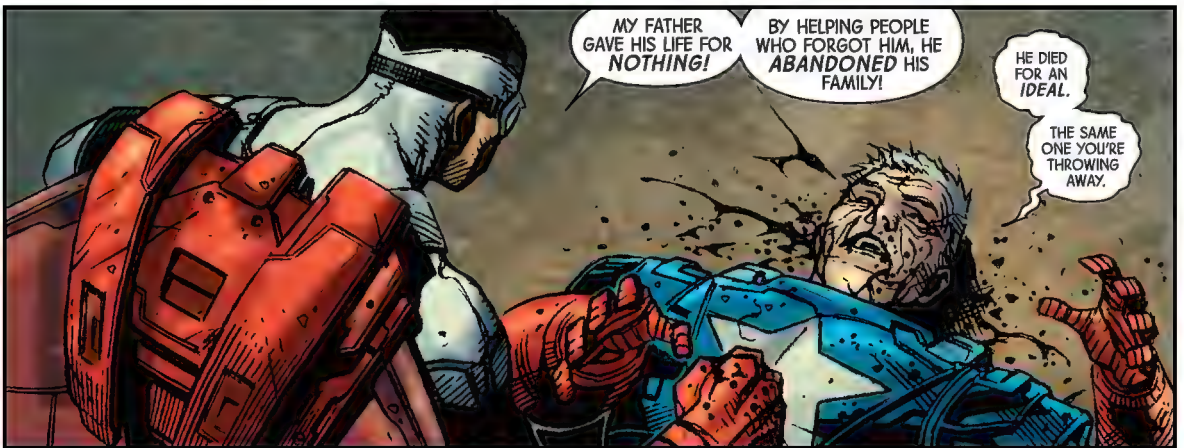
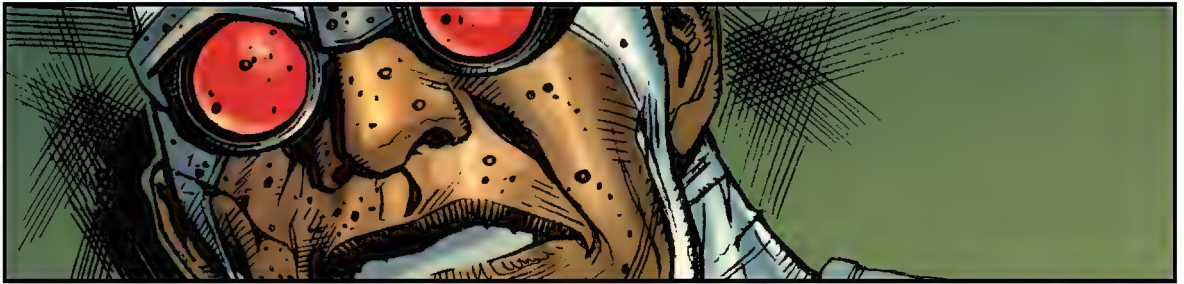


DAD!
STARK'S KILLING
SKULL!

GET
HIM--
GO!

KRAKK

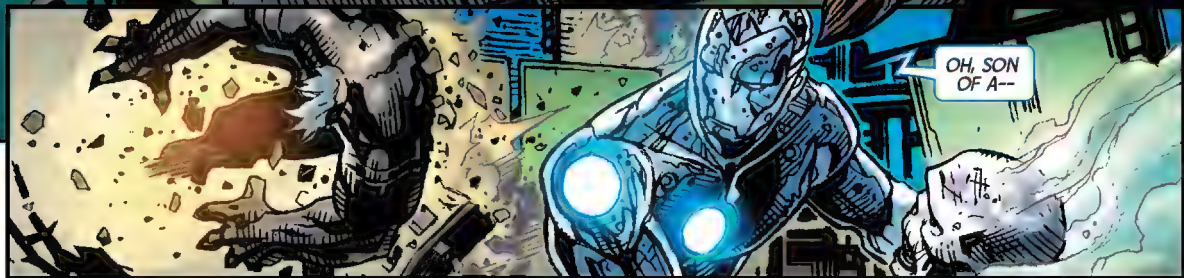




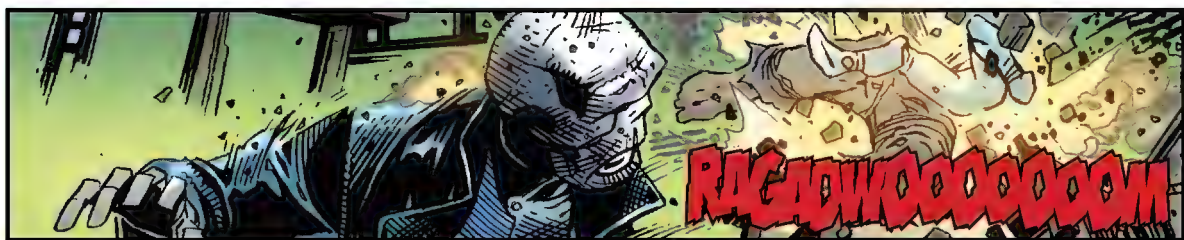


--BUT THAT'S
A TERRIBLE
DREAM,
BROTHER.

RA-BOOM



OH, SON
OF A--



RAGADWOOOOOOOM

GO!

I'LL
HOLD THEM
OFF!

ZAKKK

GET
SKULL OUT
OF HERE!

CONFUSED, BUT NOT
ABOUT TO LOOK THIS
GIFT HORSE IN THE
MOUTH.

THE
QUINJET IS
PREPARED.

WE SHOULD HELP THAT
PURPLE MAN!

IRON MAN'S TELEPATHIC DAMPENER
IS STILL IN EFFECT, I NEED A FEW
MINUTES TO RECOVER--

NO. WE'RE
GETTING YOU
OUT OF
HERE.

CAN'T RISK
ANYTHING
HAPPENING TO
YOU, SHMIDT.

THAT'S
AWFUL SWEET.

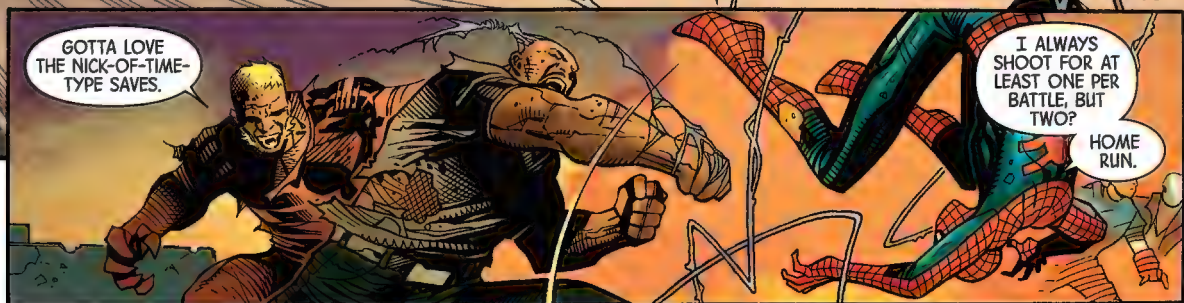
POOOON!



GHRAGH--!

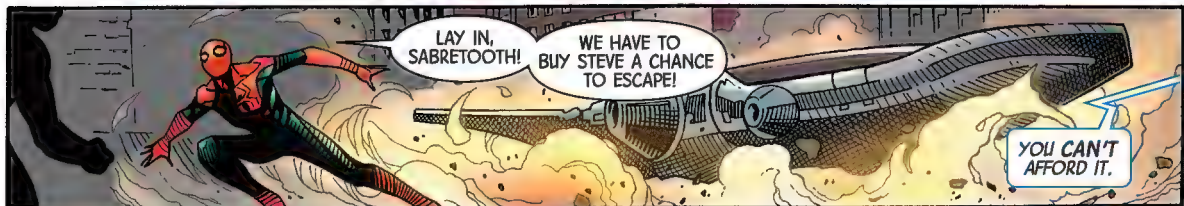
SWEET LIKE CHRISTMAS?
C'MON, CAGE, THEY CUED YOU PERFECT FOR THAT ONE.

TWIPP



GOTTA LOVE THE NICK-OF-TIME-TYPE SAVES.

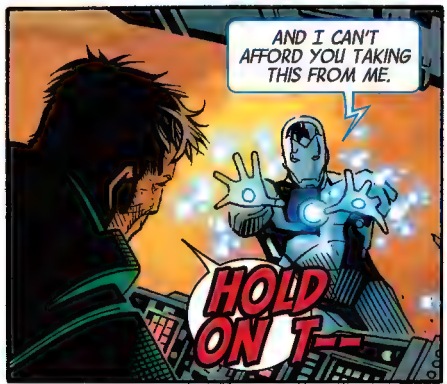
I ALWAYS SHOOT FOR AT LEAST ONE PER BATTLE, BUT TWO?
HOME RUN.



LAY IN, SABRETOOTH!

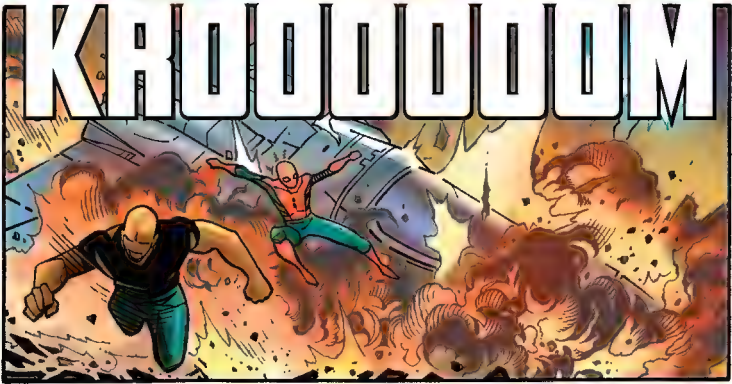
WE HAVE TO BUY STEVE A CHANCE TO ESCAPE!

YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT.

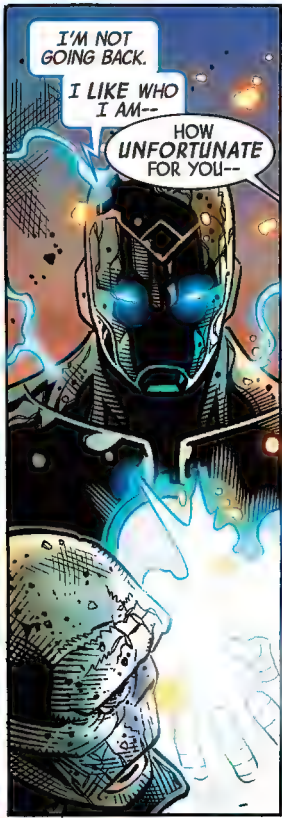
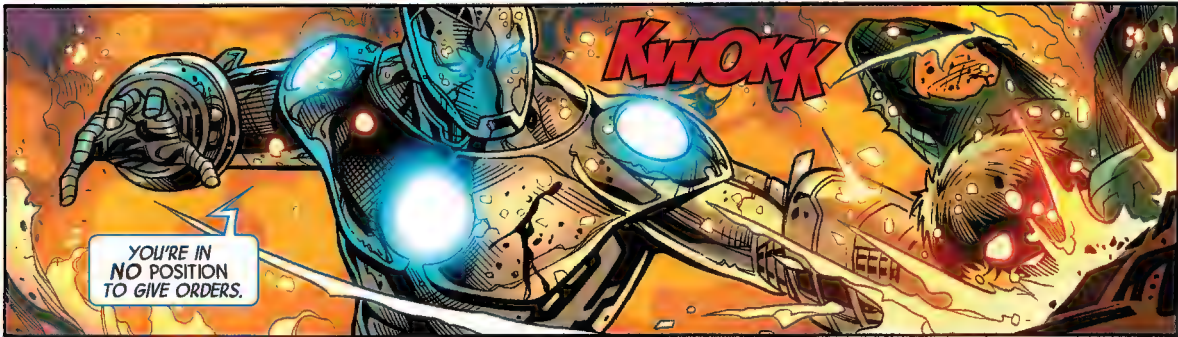
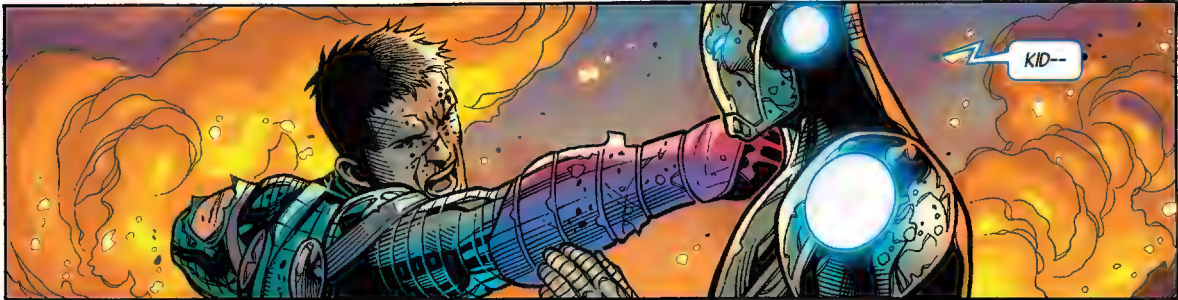


AND I CAN'T AFFORD YOU TAKING THIS FROM ME.

HOLD ON T--



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--THAT DOOM DOES NOT.
AND YOUR DOMINATION DOESN'T FIT OUR PURPOSE.

AND OUR PURPOSE IS THE GOOD OF MANKIND!



I'M SORRY--THE WORLD CANNOT SURVIVE YOUR BRILLIANCE TURNED TO EVIL, STARK.

GHRAGH--!



STOP!

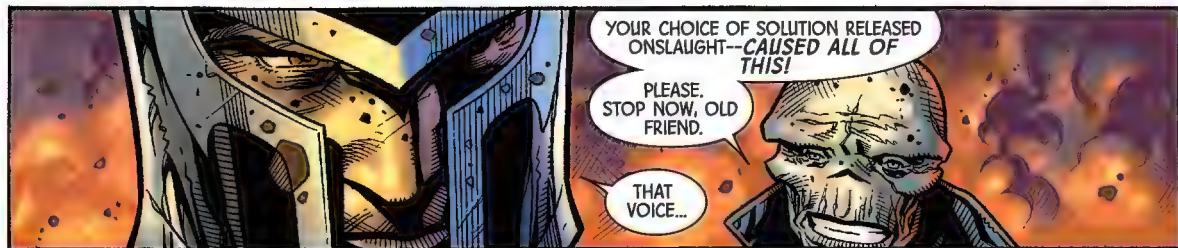
YOU'RE KILLING HIM, ERIK.



I SEE NO OTHER SOLUTION.

IT WAS THIS SAME LINE OF THINKING THAT LED YOU TO KILL ME!

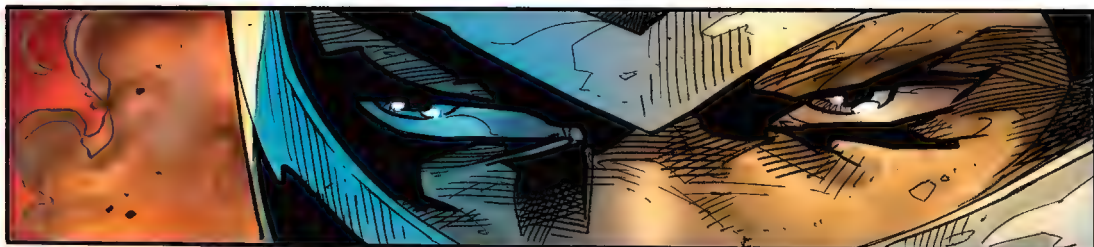
GHRAGH--!



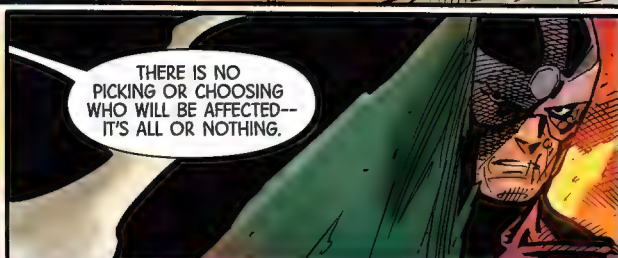
YOUR CHOICE OF SOLUTION RELEASED ONSLAUGHT--CAUSED ALL OF THIS!

PLEASE. STOP NOW, OLD FRIEND.

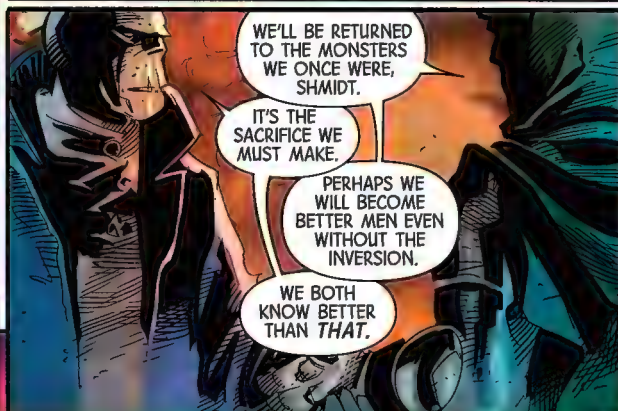
THAT VOICE...



CAST
THE DAMN
SPELL.



THERE IS NO
PICKING OR CHOOSING
WHO WILL BE AFFECTED—
IT'S ALL OR NOTHING.



WE'LL BE RETURNED
TO THE MONSTERS
WE ONCE WERE,
SHMIDT.

IT'S THE
SACRIFICE WE
MUST MAKE.

PERHAPS WE
WILL BECOME
BETTER MEN EVEN
WITHOUT THE
INVERSION.

WE BOTH
KNOW BETTER
THAN THAT.

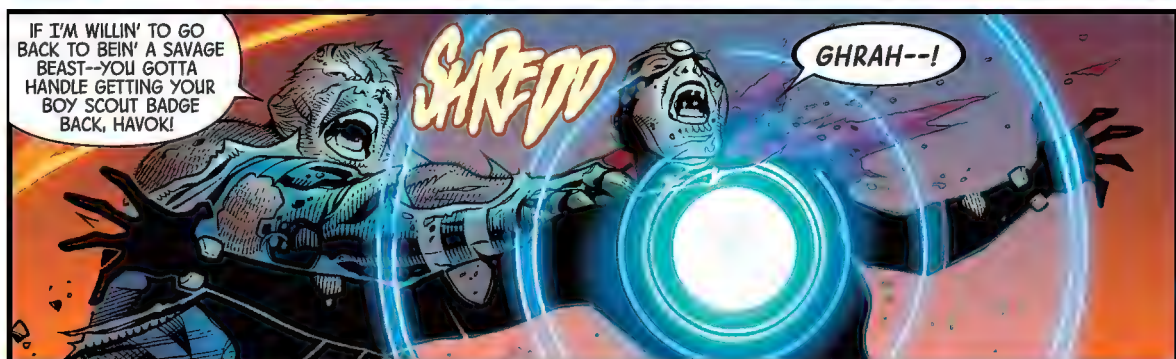
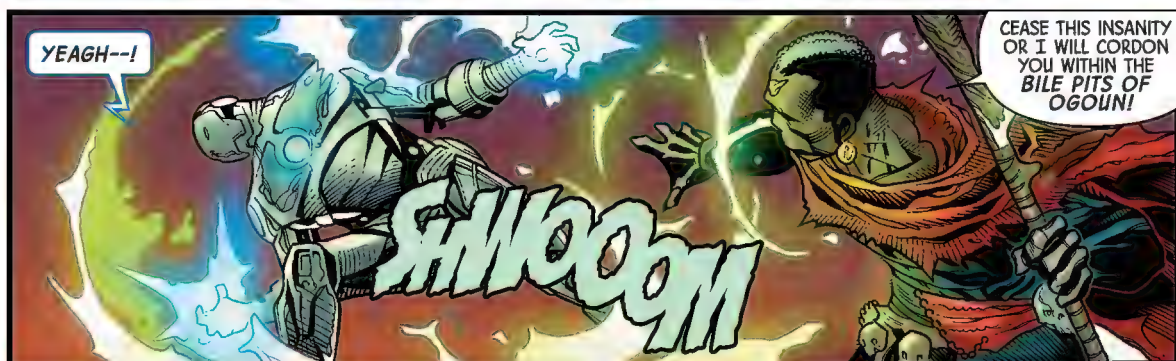
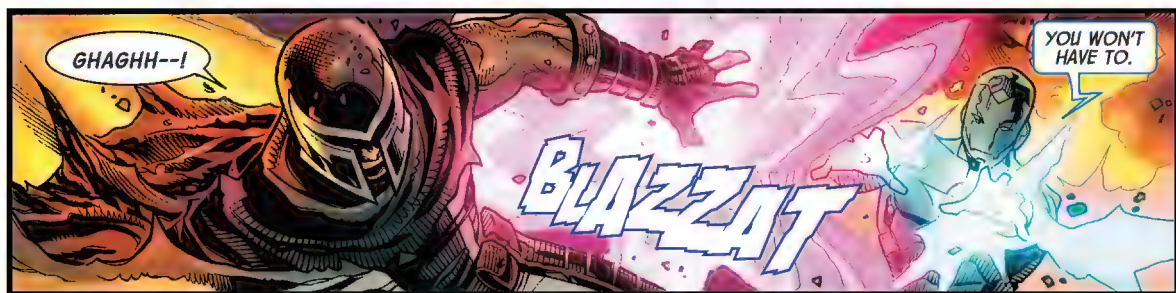


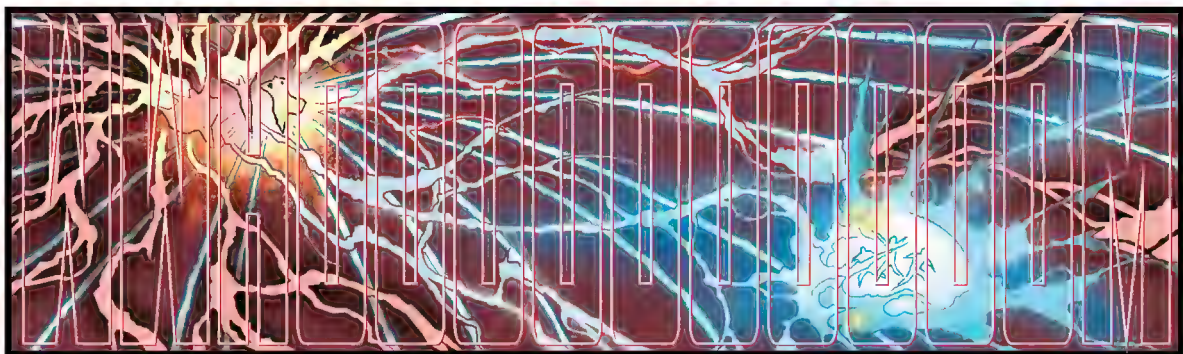
ONCE I CAST **ORDER**,
YOU MUST USE WANDA'S
MEMORIES TO OPEN THE
NEXUS OF **CHAOS**,
DANIEL DRUMM.

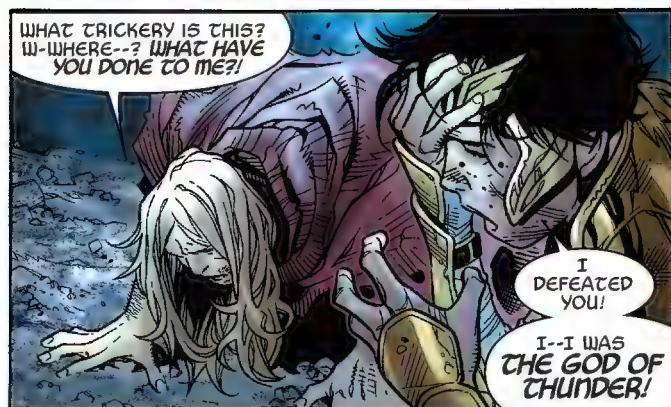
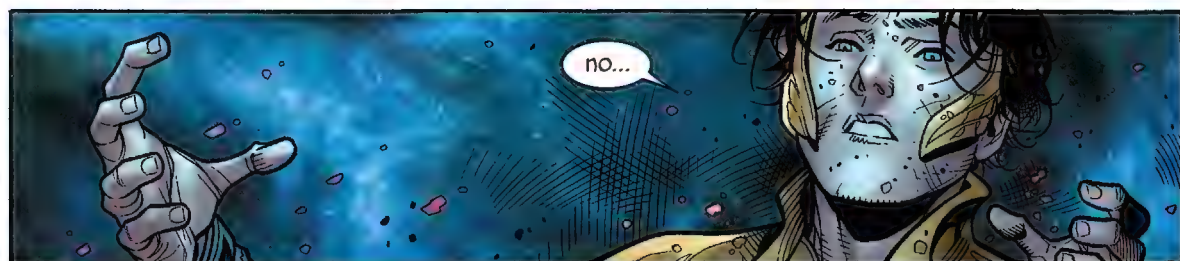
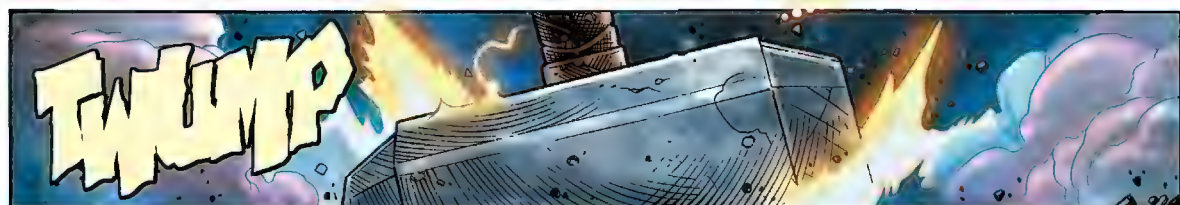
DO NOT
CONDESCEND TO ME,
DOOM. I'VE ALREADY
DONE IT.

ONCE BATHED
IN THE ENERGIES, I
WILL BROADCAST THE
INVERSION AND UNDO
THE EFFECTS OF THE
ORIGINAL SPELL—

NO!









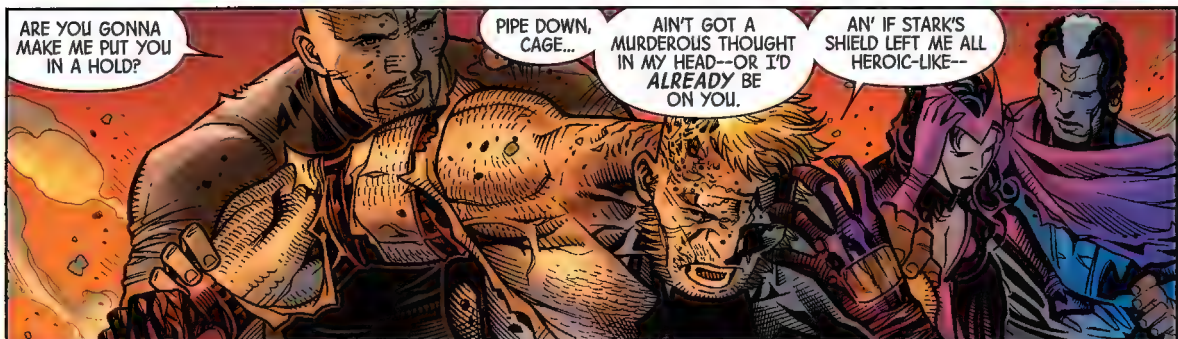
"...FROM THE PRINCE
OF ALL LIARS."

ALEX?

MY GOD--
ARE YOU
OKAY?

→KOFF→
→KOFF→

CREED...?

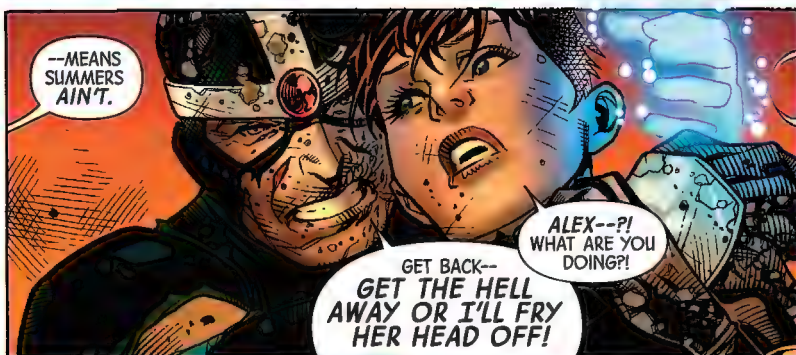


ARE YOU GONNA
MAKE ME PUT YOU
IN A HOLD?

PIPE DOWN,
CAGE...

AIN'T GOT A
MURDEROUS THOUGHT
IN MY HEAD--OR I'D
ALREADY BE
ON YOU.

AN' IF STARK'S
SHIELD LEFT ME ALL
HEROIC-LIKE--



--MEANS
SUMMERS
AIN'T.

GET BACK--
GET THE HELL
AWAY OR I'LL FRY
HER HEAD OFF!

ALEX--?!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?!



ALEX,
WHATEVER'S
GOING ON--
STOP.

FOR
KATIE'S SAKE--



KATIE NEVER
EXISTED--THE
SAME AS
OUR LOVE.
NOW GET
BACK!

SHRINK US
DOWN--GET US
OUT OF HERE OR
I'LL KILL YOU.

DON'T
TEST ME,
WOMAN.

STOP
HIM!



IF ANY OF YOU FOLLOWS SHE DIES

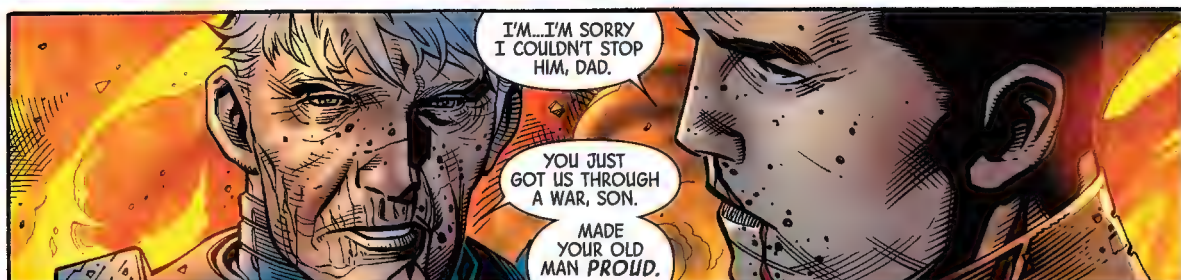
QUICKSILVER--
GO!

THEY'RE
ALREADY
GONE!



FIND THEM! HE CAN'T BE
ALLOWED TO TAKE JANET!

I DETECT
NOTHING--THEY
ARE ALREADY DEEP
WITHIN THE
MICROVERSE.



I'M...I'M SORRY
I COULDN'T STOP
HIM, DAD.

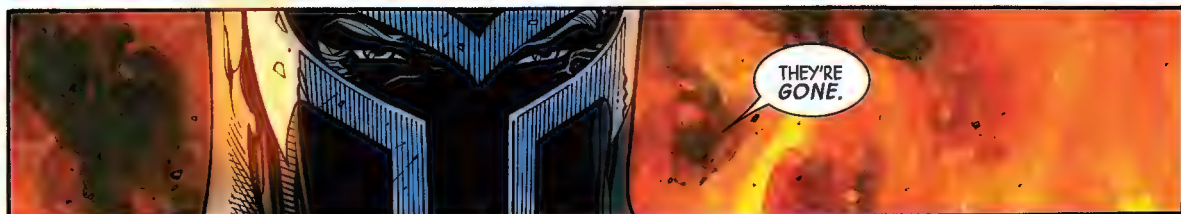
YOU JUST
GOT US THROUGH
A WAR, SON.

MADE
YOUR OLD
MAN PROUD.

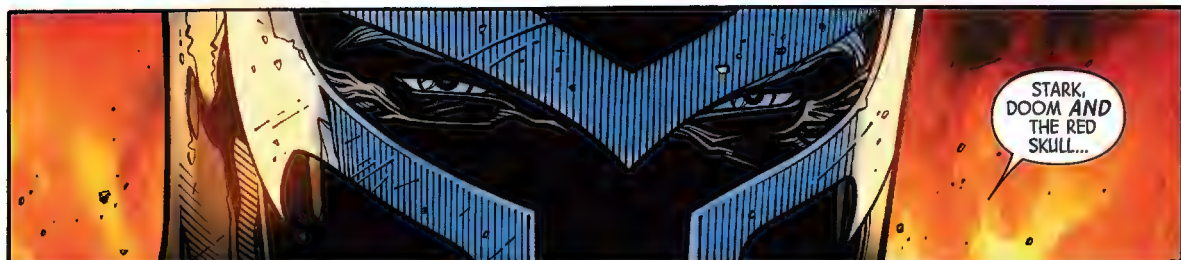


FOOLS--THIS
IS NOT A TIME FOR
CONGRATULATIONS!

OR
HAVEN'T YOU
NOTICED?



THEY'RE
GONE.



STARK,
DOOM AND
THE RED
SKULL...

"...YOU LET THEM ESCAPE."



—ONE WEEK AFTER THE ATTACK OF APOCALYPSE ON MANHATTAN, RECOVERY CREWS CONTINUE TO SIFT AND REBUILD.

CITY PLANNERS SAY IT COULD TAKE UPWARDS OF A MONTH BEFORE THE CITY IS COMPLETELY UP AND RUNNING.

REPORTS FROM AVENGERS TOWER CONFIRM ALL THE HEROES WERE FREED FROM THE ANT FARM WHERE THEY WERE HELD PRISONER SINCE THE ATTACKS BEGAN.



LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THE MAN WHO REFERRED TO HIMSELF AS "APOCALYPSE," THE MUTANT WHO ORDERED ALL HUMANS TO VACATE MANHATTAN UNDER THREAT OF EXECUTION.

HIS ARMY OF MUTANTS, HOWEVER, IS WELL KNOWN AS THE OUTLAW X-MEN. BUT APPARENTLY THAT ISN'T THE ENTIRE STORY.



WE'VE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING VIDEO...

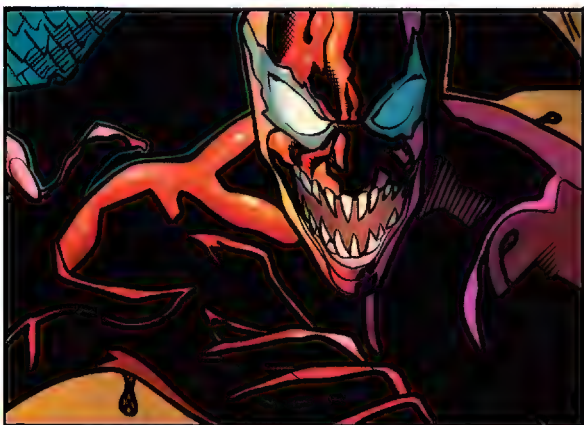
...MADE BY A VILLAINOUS GANG REFERRING TO THEMSELVES AS THE **AXIS OF EVIL**, AND RECORDED EARLIER BEFORE THE NOW-FAMOUS BATTLE OF MANHATTAN.



HEY THERE, Y'ALL SUCKERS.

NAME'S **CARNAGE**, USUALLY IF YOU SEE MY FACE, YER DAY'S ENDING PERMANENT-STYLE.

NOW, IF YER WATCHIN' THIS VIDEO, IT'S BECAUSE OUR BID TO STEAL OL' MANHATTAN'S FAILED.



SEE NOW, IT WAS OUR MISCHIEVOUS MACHINATIONS WHAT DONE MANIPULATED YER "HEROES."

SWEET ENCHANTRESS' TRICKERY LED THE X-MEN TO JOINING APOCALYPSE. IDIOTS AIN'T GOT THAT KIND OF SENSE ON THEIR OWN. SHE DROVE THE AVENGERS A BIT NUTS TO BOOT.

WE DON'T LIKE THE IDEA ANY O' THEM DING-DONGS GETTIN' CREDIT FOR OUR WORK, SEE.

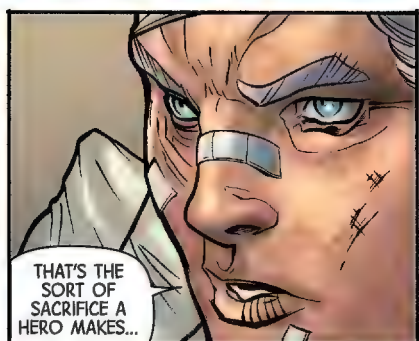


WE ARE THE **AXIS OF EVIL**.

THE WORLD GONNA QUAKE WHERE WE TREAD.

MAYBE SOME O' YOUR HERO-FOLKS GOT LUCKY-- MAYBE WE BEEN DEFEATED--BUT KNOW THIS--

NEXT TIME WE WON'T BE.

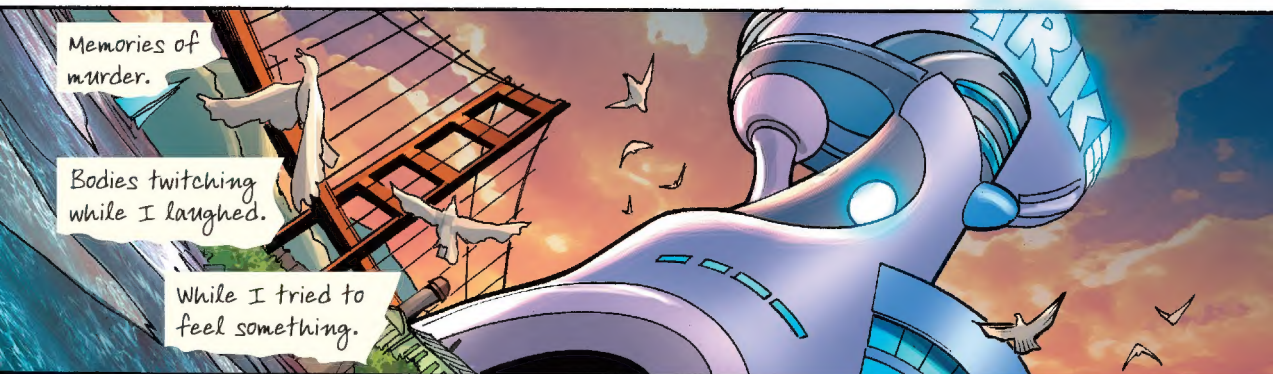




Sociopath cold was washed away
by a strong sense of empathy.

Bad emotions welling
up as memories flood.

Memories of the man
I was--and the things
I did.



Memories of
murder.

Bodies twitching
while I laughed.

While I tried to
feel something.



Some of the
others remain
the same.

But most were
reverted.

And the reverted
can go back to being
themselves.



Sink back into
that comfortable
old suit...

...into the grooves
of familiar habit.


And me. Where once
I only wanted to
share my pain with
the world--



--now I got a
strong desire to
help others do
away with
theirs.

The others
back out
there.


Back to their
scheming and
their heroing.



The same dance.

The same cycle.

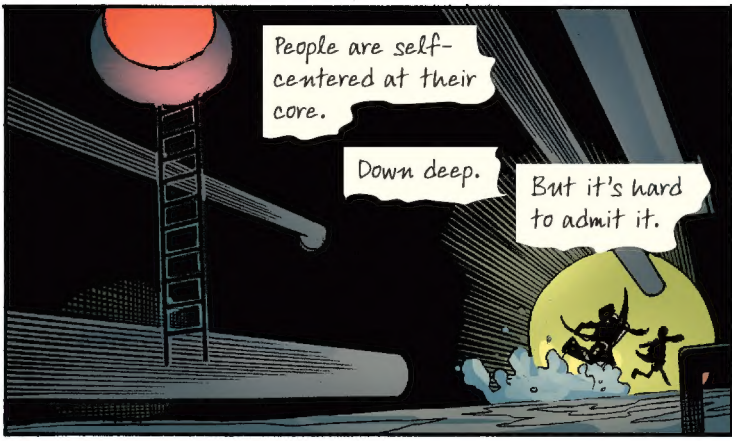
But finally one I see the need for.



Rotten people don't know they're rotten.

Never do.


Human mind can rationalize just about near anything.



People are self-centered at their core.


Down deep.

But it's hard to admit it.




Easier to cook up a story you live in.


One where you're the hero.




One where it doesn't matter how you get what you want--




--so long as you get it.



That's villainy.



That's the ugly thing that won't stop rising up in folks.



That's what I was, through and through.



That's why we need the people who are strong enough to fight those self-serving urges.

--AND THE AVENGERS UNITY SQUAD WILL STAND TOGETHER.

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN THE AVENGERS AND THE X-MEN TO ENSURE NOTHING LIKE THIS CAN EVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

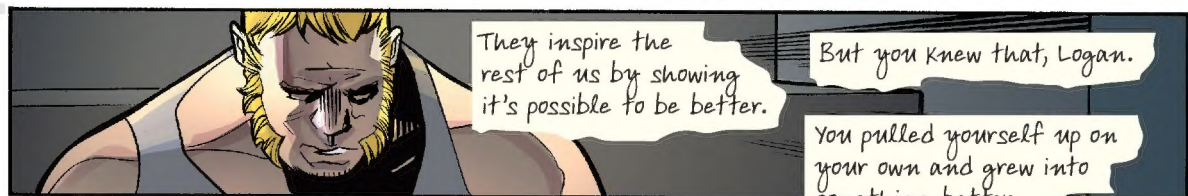
To stand tall and set an example.



And folks inspired to live up to the example--

--that's how they really change the world.

RHINESTONE SCULPTURE...DAMN PARKER LUCK...CAN'T REMEMBER WHEN FOLLOWING THROUGH ON A PROMISE WAS SO HARD.



They inspire the rest of us by showing it's possible to be better.

But you knew that, Logan.

You pulled yourself up on your own and grew into something better.



Now it's my turn to see if I can find that spirit to overcome my past.

The heart to push through the glaring eyes that only see the beast I was.

You'll see, Logan.

I'll do it.

I'll find it.

Spirit of a Wolverine.

END.

AXIS

THE AVENGERS AND THE X-MEN HAVE SURVIVED THE RED SKULL'S REIGN OF TERROR...NOW THEY HAVE TO SURVIVE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR OWN ACTIONS!

UNCANNY AVENGERS #1



In the aftermath of AXIS, a brand new team emerges!

WOLVERINES #1



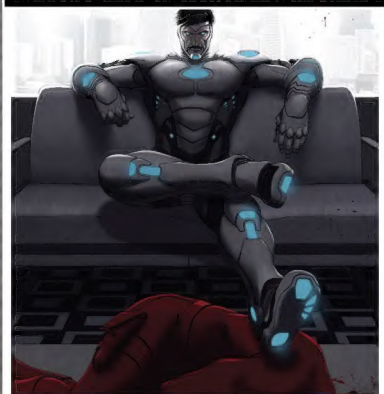
The story of the still-savage yet now morally-fortified SABRETOOTH continues weekly!

LOKI: AGENT OF ASGARD #10



If the king of lies can no longer lie, what is he?

SUPERIOR IRON MAN #4



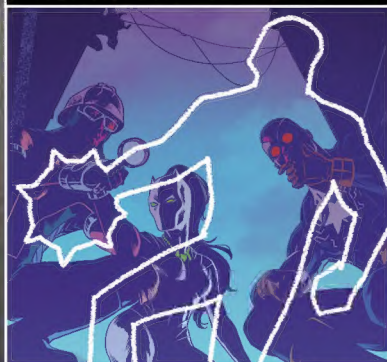
Iron Man returned Daredevil's vision, but was Tony blind to his own hubris? What can Pepper do to stop this "new" Tony Stark?

NOVA #26



Carnage comes to Carefree, Arizona, looking for his good friend Sam Alexander, aka NOVA!

CAPTAIN AMERICA & THE MIGHTY AVENGERS #4



Luke Cage sold The Mighty Avengers to the evil Cortex corporation. So...that's a problem, right?

AXIS